

REMARKS

Summary

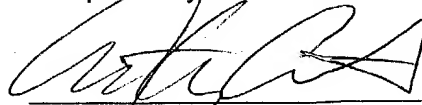
Claims 1-16 were pending. Claims 1-4, 10-14 and 16 were allowed. Claims 6-9 were objected to, and Claims 5 and 15 were rejected. Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 5 and obviates the objection; thus, Claims 7-9, being dependent on Claim 6 are now allowable. Claim 15 has been amended so as to be dependent on Claim 6, and is likewise now allowable. No new matter has been introduced. Claim 5 had been cancelled without prejudice. The Applicants believe that there are reasonable grounds to traverse the rejection of Claim 5, however the standard of writing in the reference patent cited by the Examiner is so poor that continuing to debate the matter would not be consistent with expeditious prosecution of this application.

Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-4 and 6-16 are in condition for allowance request that a Notice of allowance issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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